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# CONSUMER WARNING

## Subject: Fraudulent Schemes

The Enforcement Division continues to receive numerous complaints from victims of various fraudulent schemes designed to steal thousands of dollars from targeted individuals. In recent weeks the Gaming Control Board has received complaints regarding several different types of schemes being perpetrated throughout the country. These schemes generally target the elderly but we have also seen several which appear to be aimed at sports bettors and structured to look like legitimate sports information services.

These illegal scams appear to be originating from various national and international locations, including the United Kingdom, Africa, Canada, and South America. The schemes usually fall into various categories, such as lotteries, sweepstakes, tax refunds or rebates, or guaranteed to win Sports Information.

While most of these scams originate outside of Nevada, they often indicate some sort of relationship to the state, Las Vegas or even the Gaming Control Board or Gaming Commission. In many cases they have included names of Gaming Control Board members or agents or other government agencies in order to try and legitimize the letter or offer. These offers are cleverly worded to disguise their true content and composed and presented in such a way as to appear official.

The Nevada State Gaming Control Board and the Gaming Commission do not endorse or sponsor products or promotions of any kind. With few exceptions, lotteries are illegal in the State of Nevada and would, therefore, not be condoned or approved. Legitimate sports information services in Nevada must be licensed.

If you receive an Email, letter, telephone call or other media offering a prize for providing contact information, a fee or tax of some sort or if you believe you are paying for a legitimate sports information service but find you are not receiving what you were originally offered and yet continually asked for more money, then you should contact your local police department, Attorney Generals Consumer Protection Office, U. S. Postal Inspection Fraud Unit or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

For additional information or if you are a Nevada resident who has been victimized by one of these schemes, please contact Enforcement Division Special Agent Gordon Howie for assistance at (702) 486-2020 or by Email at [ghowie@gcb.nv.gov](mailto:ghowie@gcb.nv.gov)